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# **Crop Progress & Condition**

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Excellent Week for Field Work: Maryland had 6.5 day and Delaware had an average of 7.0 days suitable for field work. Some part of our region saw one day of rain while other saw two days of rain. Maximum reported precipitation was in Wilmington, DE reaching 1.29 inches of rain. Last week's temperature reached a maximum of 96°F and a low of 32°F. Farmers enjoyed last week's weather which turn into a good advantage to cut hay and planting activities. In Delaware major corn planting activity nearly coming to an end except for some re-planting spots. Some other fields still with high moisture to plant. In Maryland some early barley harvesting activities is underway. For the most part field work activities included soybeans planting, tomatoes, watermelon, corn, cucumber, and cantaloupes planting, strawberries, and barley harvesting.

## MD Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 12, 2016 (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short Adequate		Surplus
TOPSOIL	2	6	76	16
SUBSOIL	2	5	80	13

#### MD Crop Conditions as of June 12, 2016

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	1	27	71	1
BARLEY	2	3	19	65	11
HAY, ALFALFA	2	4	21	67	6
HAY, OTHER	2	3	43	43	9
PASTURE & RANGE	1	4	15	65	15
PEACHES	6	47	39	5	3
WINTER WHEAT	2	3	26	63	6

## MD Crop Progress as of June 12, 2016 (in percent)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: COLORING	88	80	91	92
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	64	57	39	63
CANTALOUPES: PLANTED	87	65	74	82
CORN: PLANTED	87	78	95	97
CORN: EMERGED	76	61	94	95
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	60	45	60	79
GREEN PEAS: HARVESTED	36	8	<5	40
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	91	72	79	91
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	5	0	22	23
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	61	46	81	86
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	60	45	55	70
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	57	38	75	70
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	38	21	61	53
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	65	36	75	79
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	65	39	78	79
TOMATOES: PLANTED	82	60	76	82
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	70	50	70	84
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	58	20	63	71

## DE Soil Moisture for Week Ending June 12, 2016

#### **DE Crop Progress as of June 12, 2016** (in percent) (in percent)

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
TOPSOIL	2	12	71	15
SUBSOIL	1	4	66	29

## **DE Crop Conditions as of June 12, 2016**

(in percent)

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
APPLES	0	0	25	68	7
BARLEY	3	14	37	39	7
HAY, ALFALFA	1	7	27	58	7
HAY, OTHER	2	2	35	55	6
PASTURE & RANGE	3	7	27	57	6
PEACHES	23	28	24	25	0
WINTER WHEAT	4	16	34	42	4

## Hay and Roughage Supplies as of June 12, 2016

(in percent)

State	Very Short	Short	Short Adequate	
MD	2	4	92	2
DE	0	3	83	14

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year Avg.
BARLEY: COLORING	66	52	69	84
BEANS, LIMA: PLANTED	50	43	36	50
CANTALOUPES: PLANTED	95	91	89	89
CORN: EMERGED	93	91	94	95
CUCUMBERS: PLANTED	59	48	48	64
GREEN PEAS: HARVESTED	40	5	<5	43
HAY, ALFALFA: FIRST CUTTING	93	80	96	97
HAY, ALFALFA: SECOND CUTTING	6	0	11	20
HAY, OTHER: FIRST CUTTING	84	76	94	96
SNAP BEANS: PLANTED	76	63	53	66
SOYBEANS: PLANTED	56	39	74	74
SOYBEANS: EMERGED	25	20	45	53
STRAWBERRIES: HARVESTED	65	36	65	81
SWEET CORN: PLANTED	90	78	83	90
TOMATOES: PLANTED	81	73	82	86
WATERMELONS: PLANTED	95	93	92	94
WINTER WHEAT: COLORING	59	39	65	74

June 12, 2016 Maryland and Delaware Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2016					
		Temperature			Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F	
State	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Maryland	Baltimore_Washi	96	46	72	+3	0.34	2	6.94	-1.36	37	840	+58	1525
	Beltsville_HYD	93	41	68	-3	0.01	1	8.20	-1.17	36	673	-117	1324
	Brighton_Dam	94	46	71	+2	0.74	2	12.72	+2.87	34	728	-6	1389
	Cumberland	94	48	69	0	0.41	3	8.33	-0.11	39	784	+43	1438
	Emmitsburg	92	49	68	-2	0.69	2	8.80	-1.34	36	672	-66	1316
	Frostburg	84	43	63	+1	0.79	3	10.76	+0.41	43	508	+107	1090
	Hagerstown_AP	95	54	73	+4	0.46	2	6.70	-2.40	36	875	+140	1549
	Mechanicsville	88	49	71	0	0.08	2	12.16	+2.76	38	726	-134	1394
	Millers_4NE	90	45	70	+2	0.13	2	9.46	+0.22	41	718	+37	1370
	Ocean_City_AP	87	50	72	0	0.35	1	10.67	+2.45	34	686	-218	1351
	Oxon_Hill	91	51	73	+3	0.45	2	8.52	-0.30	37	842	-32	1527
	Patuxent_River	92	54	75	+4	0.02	1	8.21	-0.79	34	893	-11	1589
	Reisterstown	91	50	69	-2	0.84	2	7.48	-1.92	34	667	-121	1300
	Salisbury_AP	89	49	73	+3	0.17	1	10.43	+1.74	35	825	+5	1504
	Savage_River_Da	86	43	64	-1	0.57	2	7.82	-1.28	32	545	+83	1149
	Sharpsburg_5S	92	44	67	-2	0.57	1	8.56	-0.44	35	680	+36	1322
	Sines_Deep_Cree	89	32	62	-2	0.75	3	11.05	+0.31	42	479	+47	1055
	Stevensville	92	59	75	+4	0.64	1	8.40	-0.85	33	831	+11	1504
	Upper_Marlboro	93	51	72	+2	0.45	3	8.52	-0.66	37	806	+31	1481
	Washington_DC_A	96	53	75	+3	0.05	1	8.17	+0.29	35	999	+32	1703
Delaware	Dover_AFB	91	54	74	+3	0.30	1	9.55	+0.22	35	829	-40	1509
	Georgetown_AP	90	50	73	+4	0.14	2	10.34	+1.59	33	826	+91	1502
	Wilmington_DE	90	49	71	+2	1.29	3	10.59	+1.62	32	804	+60	1486

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.

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## **REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County**

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

#### Baltimore County, MD - David Martin

Warm temperatures for both days and nights over a few days helped growth for many crops that got a delayed start.

## Frederick County and Howard, MD - Charles Schuster

An excellent week for forage harvest as hay. Temperatures were warm and the air moved a great deal. Some areas had a brief shower, but overall dry conditions. Hay quality varies greatly depending on moisture and maturity of the hay when harvested. Most of the hay is ripe and a little light. Most soybeans are planted with exception of fields that lay very wet. Some corn has been replanted in areas where weather caused a very poor stand. Strawberry harvest is going strong, peaches where they can be found are good, but not many are going to mature, as cold weather killed many in the bloom. Apples look good. Barley harvest has started with moisture content of 13-15 percent. Wheat is showing good color, but in some fields has lodged.

## Harford County, MD – Patricia Hoopes

Peaches-looks like it will be a good crop now. Plum- will be a light crop this year. Apricots-my contact will not have any this year due to the April freeze. Apples- look good this year. Cherry-light this year because of the April freeze. Strawberries- high of season.

#### Washington County, MD – Jeff Semler

Wheat and barley both have lodging in some fields.

#### New Castle County, DE - Helen Sureda

New Castle County has some relief from wet conditions. Days are warmer and soil is drying out. Some corn is emerging and farmers are busy planting soybeans.

#### Sussex County, DE - Harry Hudson III

Pea harvest in full swing - Barley is being cut now - no word on yields. Wheat is still green in some places - held back by earlier weather. Strawberries winding up. Reports of people in some places not being able to plant the corn they wanted. A lot of hay was cut last week with the dry weather - low humidity really cured hay last week.

Soybeans are really going in now - planting - seeing some coming up. It was dry last week - it will not take much for some ground to get droughty.

#### Sussex County, DE - John Timmons

Soybeans planted and emerged reported is for full season soybeans only for this reporting period.